(c) As per information received from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) all schools affiliated to the Board including Delhi schools, are following the syllabus prescribed by it.

Amendment in transfer guidelines in KVs

3219. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has amended/is going to amend the existing transfer guidelines for its employees; and

(b) if so, the details of amendments made/being made, alongwith the justification, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Some amendments in the existing Transfer Guidelines are being contemplated. Final decision is yet to be taken in this regard.

Expeditions to Antarctica

3220. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times expeditions have been launched to Antarctica;

(b) the main purpose for launching the expeditions;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to launch any expedition to Antarctica, in the near future; and

(d) if so, when and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) this Department is organizing annual Indian Scientific Expeditions to Antarctica since 1981 and twenty one expeditions have been successfully launched so far.

(b) The main purpose of launching expedition are:

— To promote gamut of polar scientific activities in the country to ensure a perceptible and influential presence of India in Antarctica.